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Chino Hills State Park to Begin Trail Restoration Project

CHINO HILLS, Calif.- [Chino Hills State Park](#) will begin de-construction in the fall of two unauthorized trails near the park entrance located at 4721 Sapphire Road, Chino Hills. The trails are not safe for visitor use and create an environmental hazard. California State Parks, with support from the City of Chino Hills, will coordinate efforts with CAL FIRE to close the trails and rehabilitate the areas. California State Parks will de-compact the soil and place jute netting and straw waddles for erosion control with native seed mix applied to the site for plant restoration.

California State Parks encourages the public to respect the trail closures. "This project will help maintain the integrity of Chino Hills State Park so the more than 90 existing miles of trails and over 14,000 acres of park land remain beneficial for park visitors and wildlife for years to come," said Inland Empire District Superintendent Kelly Elliott.

The two unauthorized trails were created by park users to gain access to the park during the construction of the park entrance road in 2015. Designated trails provide easily identifiable routes for hiking and are designed to give visitors maximum exposure to special park features with minimal damage to the environment. Staying on designated trails helps avoid damaging our beautiful natural and cultural resources and helps preserve the park for future generations to appreciate.

The two trails being deconstructed are located off Elinvar Road and near the entrance of Bane Canyon Road. Visitors can find a map of authorized park trails at the Discovery Center located at 4500 Carbon Canyon Road in Brea, the Bane Canyon Entrance located at 4721 Sapphire Road, Chino Hills, throughout the park on panels, or online at <https://www.parks.ca.gov/chinohillssp>.

Chino Hills State Park is nestled in the foothills surrounded by the communities of Corona, Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, and Brea. The hills in the park are a critical link in the Puente-Chino Hills biological corridor, which stretches nearly 31 miles from the Santa Ana Mountains to the Whittier Hills. The park has more than 14,000 acres of rolling, grassy hills and valleys, dotted with stands of oaks and sycamores.

The park also offers school programs, Junior Ranger programs, and educational talks year round. The Discovery Center also has hands-on exhibits about the wildlife, plant life, and other natural resources of the park. The Native Plant Trail, the Discovery Center and interpretive trail, and the Rolling M Ranch day-use area are accessible.

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